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Attorney Docket No. 009683-376



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**MS AMENDMENT**

In re Patent Application of

Seiji Ohshima

Application No.: 09/874,125

Filing Date: June 6, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: TOMMY D LEE

Confirmation No.: 7886

Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD ALLOWING CONTROL OF DEGREE OF EDGE

**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the  \$65.00 (2814)  \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$395.00 (2801)  \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
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on \_\_\_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.

- Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.

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<b>AMENDED CLAIMS</b>					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 6 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					
<b>\$ 0.00</b>					

A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.

Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully urged to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

***Claim Rejections:***

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application, claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, and 15 are independent claims. In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1, 6, 7, 8, and 14 have been rejected.

***Art Rejections:***

Claims 8 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,610,999, hereinafter *Bannai*.

Claim 8 defines an image processing apparatus. A preferred embodiment of the image processing apparatus according to claim 8 is illustrated in at least Figure 24. For the convenience of the Examiner, the claim elements will be read upon the elements of Figure 24. However, it is important to note that the present invention is not limited to the preferred embodiments.